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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN AID TECHNICIAN ABDUCTED

REF: RANGOON 551 AND 552

1. FRG EMBASSY REPORTS THAT WEST GERMAN DRILLING TECHNICIAN GERT WINDHEIM WAS ABDUCTED MARCH 4 AT 1330 HOURS BY INSURGENTS NEAR BAWDWIN MINES IN SHAN STATE TO WHICH FRG PROVIDING LOANS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. INSURGENTS ATTACKED WINDHEIM'S MILITARY ESCORT, KILLING ONE SOLDIER AND WOUNDING ANOTHER. WINDHEIM'S BURMESE COUNTERPART ESCAPED. GUB SUSPECTS KACHIN INDEPENDENCE ARMY (KIA) TO BE PERPETRATORS DUE TO GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. FRG CURRENTLY CONSULTING WITH DEFENSE, INDUSTRY AND MINES MINISTRIES ON MATTER. THERE IS NO WORD YET ON THE FATE OF WINDHEIM.

2. IT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER KIDNAPPING WAS DELIBERATELY PLANNED BY INSURGENTS OR WAS A HAPPENSTANCE RESULT OF AN AMBUSH ON A BURMA ARMY UNIT ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE FORMER MAY BE THE CASE.
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3. GERMAN TEXT OF FRG CHARGE'S INITIAL REPORTS ALREADY SENT THROUGH US COMMUNICATION CHANNELS TO BONN AND DEPARTMENT (REF-TELS).
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